

Master of Arts (MA) Law Enforcement Administrative Development (LEAD)

Fresno Campus

Alliant International University's Center for Forensic Studies has developed this Master's degree program to suit the demands and needs of law enforcement. Courses are specifically designed to address issues with the greatest impact on daily functioning within the police department and police administration. As a combination on-ground and online program the schedule is as flexible as possible, keeping in mind the demands of the job. Much of the on-ground classes are scheduled in executive format, so classes are on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Most students finish in two semesters, but may also chose to extend the program.

The program was developed when several police officers approached Alliant and we collectively identified the need for a Master's degree program specifically designed for law enforcement personnel. Alliant's relationship with these departments developed through collaboration in the areas of research, public services, mental health services, and practicum and internship sites. Law enforcement officials who wish to expand their career options may want to seriously consider obtaining their Master's degree in this specialized area.

ADMISSIONS

To be admitted to the program, applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree (please see application for additional detail) and have completed all POST requirements. A copy of the applicant's POST admission letter must be submitted with the application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; there are no deadlines. Classes begin in January and again in August, but officers may be admitted to the program on a rolling basis and begin the following term. Students will be able to transfer in six units of credit from POST.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The integrated curriculum consists of:

- Courses in an executive weekend format at the Alliant Fresno campus, supplemented by additional technology-mediated instruction
- A supervised internship in a particular area of law enforcement administration or leadership
- A supervised master's project, based on the work selected for the POST project; officers receiving ongoing face-to-face and some online mentoring about their projects.
- Research for publication course

All courses are taught by doctoral-level faculty. The full program curriculum contains the following required courses:

- Leadership in Law Enforcement
- Administrative Issues for the Law Enforcement Organization
- Psychological Services in Law Enforcement
- International Policing and Special Operations Management
- Psychology of Tactics and Training
- Master's Project
- Research for Publication
- Supervised Internship
- Independent Study of Specialty Topics

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I am honored and excited to participate in the inaugural class of Alliant's new Master's Program for Law Enforcement Administrative Development. Designed as a graduate-level transition for graduates of the prestigious California Command College, the program is a natural, seamless fit.

The Law Enforcement Administrative Development Master's Program is becoming a gem for police leaders who want to expand their educational experience in a truly meaningful course of study; it also sets a perfect stage for law enforcement leaders who wish to pursue a doctorate degree through Alliant, as some police executives have done. If your work and life schedule is anything like mine, then you'll find Alliant's program doable around an otherwise hectic calendar. I found the study environment to be wonderful, and even more important, the faculty was supportive, understanding, and highly competent in making the material relevant to my role as a police executive.

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Jana Price-Sharps, Ed.D. is Associate Professor and Program Director for MA-LEAD. She's Chief Psychologist for the Fresno, Madera, and Manteca City Police Departments. Dr. Price-Sharps has made numerous presentations to police officers and clinicians in California and nationwide on police officer stress, the development of support services for police agencies, successful transition of undercover operatives, the role of the psychologist in hostage/crisis negotiations, and the treatment of post traumatic stress disorder. Dr. Price-Sharps is a co-author of *Kidnapping: an investigator's guide to profiling* (2007), and has published over 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Price-Sharps held the position of President of the Society for Police in 2007-2008. She is the President of the California Forensic Institute and the Sierra Education and Research Institute. A licensed psychologist, Dr. Price-Sharps has been a Center for Forensic Studies faculty member since 2002.



ERIC HICKEY, PhD

Systemwide Director, Center for Forensic Studies

Dr. Hickey has considerable field experience working with the criminally insane, psychopaths, sex offenders and other habitual criminals. He is author of several books and many articles that focus on the etiology of violence and serial crime. His book *Serial Murderers and Their Victims* is used as a teaching tool in universities and by law enforcement in studying the nature of violence, criminal personalities and victim-offender relationships. Another of his books, *The Encyclopedia of Murder and Violent Crime*, explores the phenomenon of murder and violence through the eyes of some of the world's most noted experts. In 2006, he published *Sex Crimes and Paraphilia*, a comprehensive examination of sexual perversions, sex offending and sexual predators. He consults with private and federal agencies and testifies as an expert witness in both criminal and civil cases. A former consultant to the FBI's UNABOM Task Force, Dr. Hickey currently assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in training and investigations.